(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes, if it is found to be cheaper and more advantageous in any particular locality.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In answer to sub-division (*a*) it is stated "there is also the danger of its being removed". Cannot the Government find out some method to permanently fix up these poles?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Nothing can be permanent.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I know that teak poles will be costlier. But the cocoanut trees get decayed in two or three years.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The point is this. We can easily get these cocoanut trunks in the littoral areas. But to bring down teak poles will be very difficult. That is why cocoanut trunks are used in these places.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know what is the difference in prices of the cocoanut trees and the teak poles?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is a great difference, because in the case of teak we will have to get them down from distant places.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The life of the teak poles will be not less than 20 or 30 years.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am told cocoanut trees also will stand for a number of years. Further they are cheaper.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* But the question of cheapness will not hold good when we consider that the cocoanut trees will decay in 3 years while teak poles will stand for 20 to 30 years.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* If 3 cocoanut trees stand for 30 years and 1 teak pole for 20 years and the price of 3 cocoanut trees is equal to 1 teak pole, then, we will resort to the cocoanut trees.

ROAD IN KARIKAD VILLAGE—DELAY IN OPENING OF

28. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government had taken all the steps necessary to open a road as early as 1113 through Survey No. 443 of Karikad Village connecting the Muslim Mosque in Kotta Desam in Karikad Village with the Palanji-Akkikavu P. W. D. road;

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(*b*) whether almost all the lands through which the road passes were freely surrendered;

(*c*) whether the amount necessary was allotted by the Government on the recommendation by the Panchayat that year;

(*d*) if so, will the Government be pleased to inform as to what is the delay in carrying out this proposal by the Government?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No, but a portion of the land required has been surrendered.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Please see answer to (*c*). The question is being enquired into.

TENDER DEDUCTIONS—PANCHAYAT WORKS—UTILISATION OF

29. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to inform this House.—

(*a*) whether the Government allow the tender reductions of all the works undertaken by each Panchayat to be spent in that Panchayat itself;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to order that the tender reductions in each Panchayat could be utilised in that Panchayat itself?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No definite ruling can be made in this respect.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know how the funds from tender deductions are being utilised?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* When an allotment is given to a Panchayat for a work, it is not the money that is alloted but it is the work that is given. If the division is equal among all the Panchayats, then my friend's contention is quite sound. Certain Panchayats do not get anything at all. Therefore, it is ordered that whenever there is any reasonable tender deduction Government must be asked before money is spent, and where there is greater necessity, the money will be spent in those Panchayats.

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